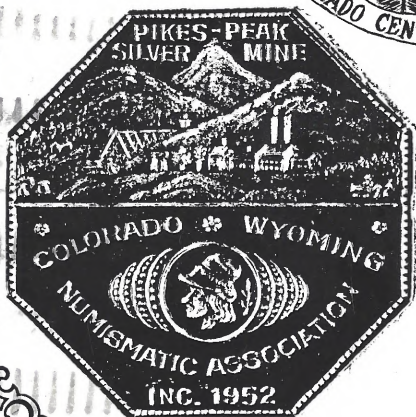


# CWNA newsletter



### COIN CLUB MEETINGS

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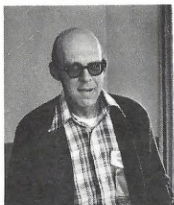
- ADAMS COUNTY COIN CLUB, 1320 West 104th Place, Denver, CO 80234  
2nd Tuesday (7:30 P.M.) Tri States Bldg, 10520 Melody Lane, Northglenn
- AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ERROR CLUB, 1893 South Filbert, Denver, CO 80222  
1st Tuesday (7:30 P.M.) 2200 West Alameda, Denver
- AURORA COIN CLUB, 8810 East 88th Ave. Space 2, Henderson, CO 80640  
4th Wednesday (7:30 P.M.) Aurora Library, 1298 Peoria, Aurora
- BOULDER COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 4115, Boulder, CO 80302  
2nd & 4th Monday (7:30 P.M.) 1913 Broadway, Boulder
- COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 2402, Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
1st Sunday (2:00 P.M.) Police Station, Kiowa & Weber  
3rd Wednesday (7:30 P.M.) East Security Savings & Loan, Platte & Union
- COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, P. O. Box 1145, Colorado Springs, CO 80901  
2nd Sunday (2:00 P.M.) Police Station, Kiowa & Weber
- \*\*FORT COLLINS COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 2, Fort Collins, CO 80522  
1st Friday (7:30 P.M.) Savings & Loan Bldg, 300 West Oak, Ft. Collins
- \*\*GREELEY, COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 1451, Greeley, Colorado 80631  
2nd Friday (7:30 P.M.)
- LONGMONT COIN CLUB, 18 Empson Drive, Longmont, CO 80501  
3rd Tuesday (7:30 P.M.) 1st National Bank Bldg, 4th & Main, Longmont
- PUEBLO COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 1582, Pueblo, Colorado 81002  
3rd Sunday (2:30 P.M.) Carpenters Hall, 13th & Main
- SOUTH SUBURBAN COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 622, Littleton, Colorado 80120  
2nd Tuesday (7:30 P.M.) La Penchos Cafe, 4595 Santa Fe, Englewood

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- \*\*CASPER COIN CLUB, P. O. Box 1671, Casper, Wyoming 82601  
1st Friday (7:30 P.M.) 1st National Bank Bldg, Casper
- CHEYENNE COIN CLUB, 3042 Snyder, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001  
3rd Thursday, (7:00 P.M.) Laramie County Library, 2800 Central, Cheyenne
- FREMONT COUNTY COIN CLUB, Box 81, Bonneyville Route, Shoshoni, WY 82649  
(Unknown)
- LARAMIE COIN CLUB, 419 South 11th Street, Laramie, WY 82070  
3rd Wednesday (7:30 P.M.) Court House Basement

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If there are any corrections please let the CWNA Newsletter Editor, Dr. A. H. Schoondermark  
400 Canyon Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 and the CWNA Secretary, L. Hellene Bohler,  
P. O. Box 856, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522 know, so that records can be kept up to date.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The "show" is almost upon us. Under the very capable leadership of Ed Young, CWNA's Fourth Annual Spring Show looks to be another great experience. A special this year is that our new Colorado Centennial Medal as designed by Gale Klein, will be available for sale. While ours is not the "official" medal, I think you will find it to be the best. Your favorite hobby is doing great things for you again.

Speaking of shows, our Colorado Wyoming area will have shows this year at Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver (2), Loveland, Greeley, Casper, and Gering. Are eight shows too many for the times? Lets hope that all are a success with the sponsors making a profit, dealers finding their time well spent and exhibits better than ever.

Have you ever wanted to work up an exhibit but don't know where to start? I have a secret for you on which to start building. The inside measurements to a standard aluminum case are  $33\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $21\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut a piece of cardboard to these dimensions, wrap a piece of cloth over the cardboard and tape it tight on the bottom side. Now you have a foundation on which to build your display and that's the secret. Only you know how to do the rest.

It is customary for CWNA presidents to visit area clubs and it sure has been a great winter for getting around. I have visited over half of the clubs and have made just one goof. I stood in line and almost registered for a women's Lib meeting before I realized coins were not to be the subject.

See you May 23, 24, and 25 at the Hilton.

*Ray Lee*

## COINS

Greg Nealy

The origins of coinage are well established. Coins were invented in Western Asia, more precisely on the coast of Asia Minor. This invention is the starting point of the Greek and Roman series. Coins have been invented in China and also India but at a considerably later date. The subject of coins is divided into four groups, which are, Oriental, Greek and Roman, Medieval, and Modern coinages. Under Oriental are classed all the coins which originate from Far and Near East with inscriptions in Chinese, Arabic, Persian, and Indian. Greek and Roman coinage comprises those coins bearing Greek, Latin, and allied inscriptions. These were struck by the people of the lands surrounding the Mediterranean basin and in far away colonies of that which later is known as the Holy Roman Empire. Greek coins proper fall within the time of 700 B.C. to 268 A.D. Roman coins begin as late as the middle of the 4th century or 338 A.D. and extend to 476 A.D.

Medieval coinage includes all European coinages from the dissolution of the Roman Empire down to about the 16th century. To mark the limits between medieval and modern coins is to be found in the technical execution of the piece. The milled coin, that is, one struck by a mill and screw press, in place of the hand wielded hammer, marks the beginning of modern machine methods of striking. The process of striking coins by means of a screw press instead of by hand began in England about 1651 but was not generally adopted until 1662.

Coins today are growing in a large hobby of many americans. Coins are known as one of the oldest hobbies know. In the past it was enjoyed by many kings and scholars. It is also a pleasant and profitable way of savings. Today Coin Collecting is referred to as Numismatics. This word comes from the Greek word nomisma and the Latin word mumisma, meaning coin.

The symbols or designs tell many things. Many ancient coins help historians telling how old they are by the symbols they have on front. They could have ancient portrait of a ruler in that time of history. Many of the coins had lettering on them or great gods or goddesses.

The coins of today are made in a certain place called a mint, no place else can print money. You need money in almost everything. The money today is much different in many ways such as in the Greek money they use coinage not paper money many times this coinage was made of gold, not so today. There are 5 different coins in America Money System today. They are penny=1 cent, nickel=5 cents, dime=10 cents, quarter=25 cents, half dollar=50 cents, and dollar=100cents then they go from currency or paper money.

Money is valuable and collecting it can be fun and rewarding. Coins are a vast and interesting subject to follow.

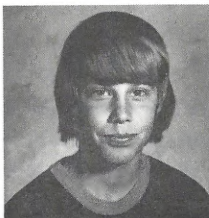
Thus ends my article on coins and when they came in to use and I hope it is accepted by Dr. A.H. Schoondermark.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tony Nealy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The article on the previous 2 pages is un-edited, it was written by Greg Nealy, 13 years old a member of The Greeley Coin Club.



CWNA Board of Directors Meeting March 1, 1975

The main item of business was a discussion of the Spring Show. The proposed By-Laws were read and recommendations were sent back to the By-Law committee. Hellene Bohler was presented a Gold CWNA Medal for her work as Sec. Treas. The next Board meeting will be Saturday May 24th at 2:00 P.M. at the Hilton Hotel. Your suggestions for a better CWNA are solicited by the Officers and Board Members.

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**MAY 23, 24, 25,**

**HILTON HOTEL**  
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**☆1975 ☆**

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**Double Eagle Gold**

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## NEW CWNA MEDALS TO BE AVAILABLE



OBVERSE



REVERSE

Silver 28.74 grams

Bronze 22.55 grams

Diameter 38.8 mm

Colorado - Wyoming Numismatic Association is proud to announce that its new Colorado Centennial Medal will be available for sale at the spring show starting May 23rd.

In 1971, the board of directors elected to have a medal contest to honor Colorado as the Centennial State. The contest was open to anyone interested and in September, 1973, the contest was closed and entries were sent to ANA Headquarters for judging. Number 6672 was declared the winner and it was soon discovered that these numbers were the last digits on Mr. Gale Klein's social security card. Gale is charter member # 7 of CWNA and is a past president having served in that capacity in 1958.

The flying eagle obverse makes a truly beautiful medal with the design showing great pride for a great state. The reverse design has been produced by the minter Mehl Associates and honors the Bi-Centennial of the United States. The double face medals are truly "double eagles".

Five hundred bronze medals have been struck with 250 pieces struck uniface ( Colorado obverse die is used on all uniface medals ) and 250 pieces struck doubleface. These medals are unnumbered and sell for \$ 3.00 each. One hundred eleven .999 fine silver medals have been struck and their cost will be \$ 15.00 each. These silver medals are



numbered # 1 through # 111 and are struck doubleface. ( Another 25 silver medals were struck uniface for award purposes and will not be for sale).

To insure that these medals are made available to members before they are sold to the general public, it is requested that you fill in the subscription application and send it in before May 17. Your medals will be reserved for you and will be distributed to you at the show. If you cannot attend the show, send your check plus \$ 1.00 for postage and handling and we will mail medals to you after the show. A subscription limit of one silver and one each of the bronze per member will be in effect. This limit most likely will be released at show time once we are sure members have been taken care of.

If your member number is # 111 or less we will reserve that silver medal for you if you desire. Priorities after member number requests are taken care of, will be on a first come first served basis. Special holders are being designed and will be available at cost as a separate item. Price will be known at show time. Please notice that subscription application must be mailed by May 17, 1975 to be accepted.

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Subscription Application - For members only

TO: COLORADO - WYOMING NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 856, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO 80521

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the following medals:

Please reserve for me one silver medal ☐ @ \$ 15.00

Also, I would like a bronze uniface medal ☐ @ \$ 3.00

and a bronze doubleface medal ☐ @ 3.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

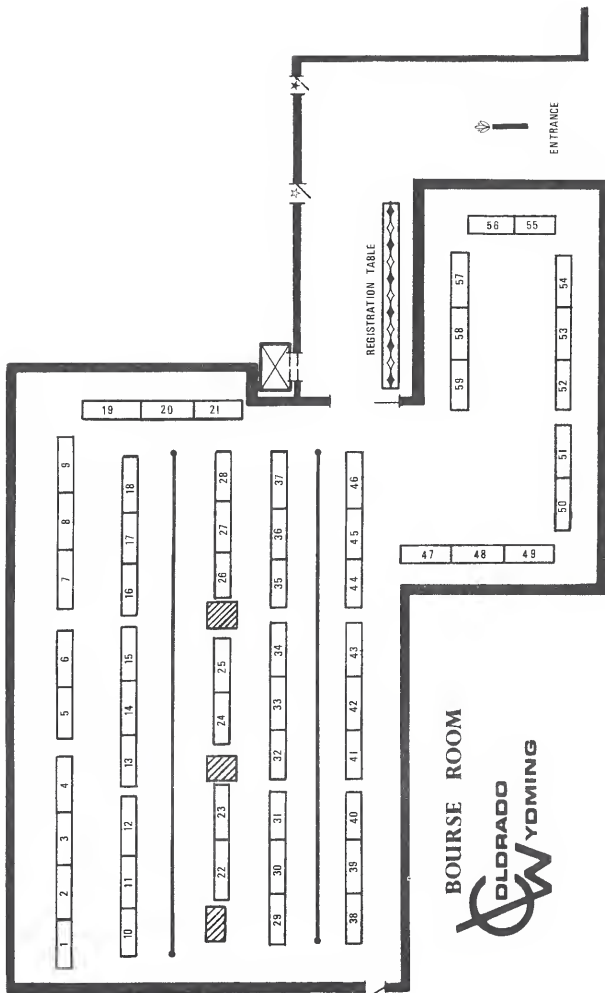
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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My membership number is under # 111 and I wish my silver medal to have my number ☐

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| 11. Ray's Coins - Nebraska                  | 41. Walt Laub - Colorado                    |
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| 13. Mr. T's Coins - Texas                   | 43. Wm. Rosenblum - Colorado                |
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| 18. Metro Coins - Arizona                   | 48. Dick Long - Colorado                    |
| 19. Uzelac's Coin Hut - Utah                | 49. Chick's Coins - Colorado                |
| 20. Continental Coin Gal. - Minnesota       | 50. George W. Geer - Massachusetts          |
| 21. Dan Brown - Colorado                    | 51. J. D. Underhill - Texas                 |
| 22. Western Rare Coins - Nebraska           | 52. Collectors Coin Exchange - Colorado     |
| 23. M. Louis Teller - California            | 53.       "       "       "       "         |
| 24. De Pasquale & Lee - Florida             | 54. Thurston Moore & Association - Colorado |
| 25. Tebo Coin Company - Colorado            | 55. Dukes Coins - Minnesota                 |
| 26. Circle Coins & Stamps - Colorado        | 56. Bill Hall Coins - New Mexico            |
| 27.       "       "       "       "       " | 57. Jim Roth Coins - Wyoming                |
| 28. Frontier Mint - Wyoming                 | 58. Independent Coin & Currency - Colorado  |
| 29. Siouxland Coins - Iowa                  | 59. Numis-Royale' - Kansas                  |
| 30. Dorfman Coin Company - Iowa             |   |



## UP COMING AREA SHOWS

MAY 3-4, 1975

OREGON TRAIL COIN CLUB Coin Show and Auction, National Guard, Gering Nebraskas. For additional information write: L. Gibbs, Chairman, P. O. Box 374, Scottsbluff, NB 69361

MAY 10-11, 1975

CASPER COIN CLUB, Casper, Wyoming. For information write: Bill Cruzen, 316 S. McKinley, Casper, Wyoming 87601

JULY 12-12, 1975

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB, Garden Valley Motel, 2860 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, (I-25 Exit S8 North) Colorado. For further information write: Colorado Springs Coin Club, P. O. Box 2404, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

NOTE: This is the 7th Annual ANA Seminar. This seminar is on Judge Training. President Knee would like to have some of the CWNA representatives attending this show to attend this meeting and pass on the information to us. If there is written literature get it.

CWNA has a team of CWNA members that are qualified and will be glad to act as judges for any of the area show if they are asked. They are as follows: WALTER P. BOHLER, BERT BOHMONT, Fort Collins; LARRY KNEE, Greeley; WES ZAKOVICH, TOM MASON, Cheyenne; W. S. McAULEY Laramie; LEONARD CAMPBELL, Colorado Springs; GEORGE VAN TRUMP, Denver; LEROY BENNETT, Pueblo.

These are names suggested to act as judges for your show from CWNA. If anyone else would volunteer to do the same please send your name to President Larry Knee, 1321 31st Ave., Greeley, Colorado 80631

## 1975 ANNUAL FALL SHOW

The Annual Fall Show and Annual meeting of the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Ass'n. will be hosted by the Greeley Coin Club. This will be the 24th anniversary of CWNA. Plan now to attend in September in Greeley, Colorado. For further information write the Greeley Coin Club, P. O. Box 1415, Greeley, CO 80631. Exhibitors and dealers information forms are available. Don't forget another Spring Show in Denver in 1976!!!!!!

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN COLORADO-WYOMING NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DUES: \$3.50 per year  
\$35.00 Life Member

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBER OF A.N.A. \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER OF OTHER CLUBS \_\_\_\_\_

I herewith apply for membership in the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association subject to the By-Laws of said Association, and agree to abide by the code of ethics as adopted by the membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL APPLICATION TO:  
Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association  
L. Hellene Bohler, Secretary-Treasurer  
P. O. Box 856  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522

## THE PIONEER GOLD OF J.J. CONWAY

Most of the enthusiast who joined the rush to the Rockies in the Spring of 1859 had little or no money. This was the reason most of them joined the gold rush. There was very little coin or currency in the mining camps, so the medium of exchange was either barter trade or gold dust.

Gold dust became the most usefull, but never satisfactory, because of the method used to measure the dust; from a pinch one could either gain or lose due to the size of the fingers and also the purity of the gold which differed from one district to another. That is the reason the difference in the range of the gold price \$12.00 to \$20.00 per ounce.

One other factor involved in the gold dust was that some bit of dishonesty was involved by adding drass filing.

Retorted gold contained other metals which meant in order to test its purity it was rubbed on a smooth surface of Iron Stone and the color determined the purity. Bright yellow indicated high grade and the darker shades indicated the lower.

Some merchants had Balance Scales to use with dust and placer gold, but without the facilities a "pinch" was used (the amount picked up by the thumb and forefinger) and passed as \$.25 cents. All of these methods caused much concern between the miners and merchants, and on May 3, 1861 a meeting was arranged in Denver to fix the price of gold throughout the different districts and agreement of \$16.00 perounce was set.

All of the problems instigated the private minting of gold coins. A note in the Rocky Mountain Weekly News, August 13, 1861, stated that a new coinage was minted in Georgia Gulch (Parkville Colorado Territory) in the denomination of \$2½, \$5, \$10, were issued by J. J. Conway & Company.

Once again the News, August 17, 1861, reported J. J. Conway & Co. of Georgia Gulch Minting machinery seems to be as fine as that of Clark & Gruber & Co., and the gold pieces look as nice and rich as Uncle Sam could produce.

Little information is available on Conway himself, or Parkville where the mint was located, but in 1860-61 Parkville was the liveliest town in the County or even in Colorado. It had a population of about 10 thousand, who washed tens of thousands of dollars worth of the yellow stuff from the hills.

Parkville is believed to be the only town in Colorado to be buried by its own Industriousness. The town lived but a few short years. A U. S. Postoffice was opened there on Dec. 13, 1861 then closed Oct. 22, 1866 by Postmaster Charles Kellogg.

Parkville was also the County Seat for about 1 year, but lost it to Breckenridge. Being a supply center for the Georgia Gulch area, it proved to be a social center with a Masonic Lodge and several theatres where top entertainers and troupers of the day passed through.

It is not known how long or how many coins were minted by Conway but all three Conway Coins are excessively rare. Records show that in 1909 only eight pieces were known. There is one set in the U. S. Mint Collection according to C. E. Green.

In 1933 Carl Modessit of Denver found the original dies, from which the Conway coins were struck, in the attic of an old house. Mr. Modessit presented the dies to the State Historical Society. Then in 1956, the 50th Anniversary of the Denver Mint, Dr. Nolie Mumey and Dr. Phillip Whitely set up exhibits of coins and used the original dies to make a limited number (200 sets) of restrikes. Some of the sets of coins were presented to officials and some were sold to numismatists. Today they are a rare item in their own right.

Edwin Young

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PROPOSED BY:  
Edwin Young  
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## CLIPPED PLANCHETS

If your Club is considering new Auction Rules contact one or more of the following clubs they are in the process of adopting new rules, Greeley Coin Club , Cheyenne Coin Club and the Boulder County Coin Club.

Cheyenne Coin club now meets at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Thurs. of each month at the Cheyenne Federal Savings Bldg. 208 West 19th Street, Cheyenne.

On the Feb 6th showing of "Let's Make a Deal" a couple was given a 1907 unc. high relief \$20 gold piece. They had the choice of keeping it or taking a choice of curtains. They decided to take a curtain, and they got "zonked" with 40 pounds of fish!  
Boulder County Coin Club

The Panama Pacific coins were the first commemorative coins to carry the motto " In God We Trust" Cheyenne Coin Club

Bill Henderson on behalf of the C.S.N.S. presented Pearl Crabb (elongsates) the Club's 1974 Distinguished Service Award.  
Colorado Springs Numismatic Society

The Barber half dollar was designed by Charles E. Barber and was produced in a .90% silver alloy and weighed 12.5 grams its diameter is 30.6 mm.  
Fort Collins Coin Club

Can you beleive this? Away back in 1940 the 1916D Mercury Dime in good condition sold for .60 and a fine for \$1.00?  
Laramie Coin Club

James ( Jim) Pinkerton of the American Numismatic Errors Collectors Club has been appointed ANEC representative contact him if you wish to have a display and educational exhibit at your Coin Club Show Bx. 815, Aurora CO 80010

The ANACDOTS

Wooden pennies will be issued at the 7th Annual Dinner Meeting of the South Suburban Coin Club, 3-15-75. Those who have collected their previous wooden money issues, will have a complete set of the Dollar thru Cent.  
South Suburban Coin Club

EDITOR'S NOTE: keep sending me you club bulletins you club editors have made this page possible, thank you! I can only copy from what you send me.  
A.H.S.

The American Numismatic Assoc. Certification Service reports in 2 years of 51,1855 \$3 gold coins submitted for certification only 8 were genuine; 1857 minting one of 17 was genuine and 2 of 66,1882 were cleared! KNOW YOUR DEALER, KNOW YOUR DEALER!  
The Denver Post

## COINS 1934-1974

By Dan Brown

After going back into my old store in 1946 coins were selling quite well. People had money to spare and interest in coins were growing tremendously, mainly from the new coin boards available, published by Whitman Publishing Company. Mr. Richard Yeoman was the gentleman in charge of them. The collecting "craze" really seemed to start at that time. What a thrill it was for a collector to be able to buy a set of blue boards for the different denominations and be able to fill them from circulation. It could be done with almost every series. Even the Barber coins were in excellent supply during this time. It was difficult to find the scarcer dates, but some of them would show up from time to time. The 1946 San Francisco Mint quarter wasn't made until October of that year. They then made four million, some odd hundred thousand. The collectors worried and fretted whether there were going to be any at all and when they did come out how they could get them. Consequently, the entire issue was practically put away. Very few got into circulation as happened with other coins in later years.

The main book used previous to this period was the Standard Catalogue of United States coins issued by Wayte Raymond. This had been in existence for many years and was a very excellent book giving approximate retail prices dealers charged for coins, but this was soon to change. The Guide book of United States coins by R. S. Yeoman's first edition with the dating of 1946 came out. The format was excellent and prices were compiled by leading dealers that Mr. Yeoman had asked to help with current market prices. The book received universal acceptance practically overnight. If I remember right, in 1947 I had ordered and sold four dozen of the standard catalogues. This was the largest amount I had ever purchased in a year, but with this new guide book, my order for the year totaled twelve dozen. In later years I ordered by the one hundred dozens.

In 1947 Thelma, my wife, and I attended our first ANA convention. In the spring we took a trip to California and on the way we stopped to see one of my customers, Mr. Leon Belt Past-President of the American Numismatic Association. He suggested I go to the Buffalo ANA convention, in fact, he insisted that I go and appointed me honorary member of a committee chaired by Mr. Philipott in Dallas. In August Thelma and I took a train to Buffalo for our first convention and what a thrill it was. It also was a pleasure meeting many of the people I had corresponded with through the past several years; The Bebee's, Kreisbergs, Kosoffs, Yeomans, Dave Bullowa, and many, many other very friendly, nice people. I remember a group picture taken at the convention. I believe 117 of us went outside by the McKinley Memorial Monument for the picture. One day we all took a boat trip over to the Canadian side of Lake Erie and back. They closed the bourse as the bourse dealers as well as the collectors took the trip. Most of us thought this was a four hour trip, but due to maritime regulations, the boat had to go over to Canada and back to Buffalo, but could not dock; back to Canada again then to Buffalo. The whole trip took eight hours. Some of the dealers heard this would happen after getting on the boat and being on the way. They mentioned they would not take the second trip, but jump off first and swim to shore and get back to their tables. Actually none did, they all had to take the eight hour trip even though they grumbled. Another afternoon six or eight of us were having a cocktail. Peter Seaby of England was there with us. He toasted the President of the United States and the rest of us toasted the King of England. I think we toasted a few other people at the same time, but memory fails me on this. Then came the Saturday night banquet. We sat with the Bebees, Katens, Matthews, and Edwards. Then the sadness of it all being over until next year. It was a great convention, great time, and many of the people we met have remained good friends through the years.

After the convention we were on our way to New York where we visited Stacks and some of the other main coin shops of the city before returning home to Denver. That first convention, of course, was the most thrilling, most fun, and most lasting memories of all. As of last year we have attended twenty-two other conventions making twenty-three in all. Not only is it a wonderful place to do business, but it is such a pleasure to get together with friends from around the country at least once a year at the wonderful ANA conventions.



In 1948 the ANA had its annual convention in Boston and that was a hot time. The temperature was ninety-five degrees and humidity ninety-six for practically the entire time we were there and no air conditioning. At four o'clock the first morning we were in the hotel the phone rang. It was J. V. McDermid, and old friend from Milwaukee. He said "Dan Brown, what are you doing in Boston, come on over and have a drink." I explained to him that we were in bed, tired and weary after our trip to Boston and all I wanted to do was sleep. He assured me that if I didn't get over there that he would keep the telephone ringing every fifteen minutes and we would get no sleep. There was nothing to do but go over and say hello to him and a half dozen other gentlemen still there finishing up a party.

It was during this ANA meeting that the Professional Numismatic Guild was formed. I well remember being with Abe Kosoff, Saul Kaplan, Abner Kreisberg, Aubrey Bebee, and David Bullowa, and several others. We laid the ground work for the Guild at this time.

There was plenty of talk throughout the convention about how the prices were going up. Brilliant uncirculated 1909 S.V.D.B., were up to \$8.00 and \$5.00 gold pieces of the period 1800-1807 were available in almost any quantity you could want for \$45.00 for about uncirculated, to \$55.00 for choice uncirculated. Roman Numeral twenties had jumped to around \$75.00. On Saturday night we attended the banquet with the temperature in the nineties, no air conditioning except for big fans placed around the banquet room and this did help a little. There was a drawing for door prizes and My Lucky Thelma won one of the three Paul Revere sterling silver bowls that the Boston Numismatic Association gave as door prizes. I would like to mention that the Boston people have always put on wonderful conventions. They are one of the oldest, if not the oldest, numismatic society in the United States.

By this time we had branched out a little and were attending some of the regional conventions, although there were not too many during this period. Collecting was growing bigger every week, month, and year with a great many new coin clubs starting up both local and statewide organizations.

I remember quite well 1949 especially as it was our first trip to San Francisco. After two years in the East the ANA went to the West. My what a relief from the heat in the east. The convention was held at the Palace Hotel and was a very successful one again. We again made new friends as well as visiting with old friends, as seems to be the case at all conventions. After years of correspondence I met Irene and Earl Parker. Earl was one of the most fun-loving fellows you would ever wish to know. We also met Ruby and Kenny Lee. Kenny had a 1794 dollar for sale at \$900.00. The condition, as I recall, was very fine. I wished often that I had bought it. 1909 S.V.D.B.s had jumped again to \$10.00. I remember a fine dinner one night with a bunch of friends. Among them was Jim Kelly. He had the waiter bring the steaks out so he could examine them personally and pick out the one he wanted. Of course, after the waiter left we started kidding him, asking him how he would know if they substituted a different steak from the one he had picked. I also remember an old German gentleman from Cleveland, a collector for many years, was also sitting by us drinking Coors beer. He claimed it was the finest beer in the world. (It is made in Colorado) He some way or other bought it by dozen case lots and had it delivered to him in Cleveland. There was a young doctor sitting in the bourse room bidding on a coin starting at \$1,000.00 and finally after losing the bid at \$1,750.00 he turned to his wife and said, I can't go on any further, it's just too much for me. I remember a set of Liberty nickels all proof except the 1912 D and S and they were uncirculated, selling for \$175.00 and a type set of U. S. Commemorative half dollars uncirculated reaching \$210.00.

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